

NO MORE IN THE FIGHT

Guatemala Will Have Support of Neighboring Powers.

CENTRAL AMERICA COMBINED

In Case of Conflict Mexico Would Have to Contend With Allied Forces of Guatemala, Honduras, Salvador, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica--Secretary Gresham Striving to Restore Peace--Several Interviews.

CHRONICLER'S F STREET COAR STORE.

POKER PLAYERS IN A TRAP

Detectives Swooped Down on Chroniger's Cigar Store.

COMICAL EFFORTS TO ESCAPE

One Man Was Half Way Through a Window When His Legs Were Seized and He Was Pulled Inside--The Proprietor Resisted and Was Quickly Brought to Combat--Fourteen Clerks and Business Men Caught.

Inspector Hollenberger's headquarters detectives and Police Sergeant Michael Byrne, of the Sixth precinct, raided the alleged poker-room of William P. Chroniger, in the rear of his cigar store, at No. 607 F street northwest, a few minutes before 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The raiding party consisted of Detective Sergeant Robert Johnson, Sergeant Byrne, and Detectives Carter, Gallaher, Proctor, Quinlan, and Rhodes.

The raid was planned by Inspector Hollenberger, it is said, on complaint of a man who claims to have lost much money of late playing the seductive game of poker at Chroniger's place. The raiders moved quietly up Fifth street from police headquarters at the above named hour, turning into Sixth street at E. When the corner of Sixth and F streets was reached Detectives Carter and Proctor shot ahead, the former entering the cigar store first, with Proctor and the others close on his heels.

Chroniger, who was standing behind the counter, spring for the little door which leads to the poker room as the raiders entered and blocked Detective Carter's way. He also seized Mr. Carter by the neck and was struggling with him when Detectives Proctor and Gallaher grabbed Chroniger and threw him full length on the floor.

In the meantime an exciting scene was being enacted in the little rear room, which was crowded with well-dressed men. Two gamblers, seated at a table, were seen, and the players dropped their cards and appeared to be panic-stricken. One man raised the rear window and was about to lower himself, about six feet, into the alley when Detective Proctor seized him by the leg and dragged the struggling fellow back into the room with his head banging downward.

Detective Quinlan, who was standing guard, was guarding the side entrance to prevent escapes there, while Detective Rhodes was in the alley looking out for any players who might slip from the rear window.

No successfully carried out was the affair that one of the fourteen inmates of the place escaped through the corner of the law which surrounded them. The detective then formed their prisoners by two and three and marched them through the snow to police headquarters, the vacant premises being placed in charge of Police Sergeant Byrne.

The prisoners were all intelligent looking, well dressed, and apparently prosperous business men. They were required to deposit \$10 each for their appearance in the police court to-day as United States witnesses.

Their names and occupations as entered at Lieutenant Kelly's station are: George Campbell, plumber; Charles Hase, carpenter; Paul Mewy, secretary; and the following who gave their occupation as clerks: Louis Speise, Ovid Jones, Charles Edwin Brown, Arthur Wilson, Charles Edwards, Charles W. Simpson, Andrew D. Johnson, Ross McMillan, Cornelius Casper, and Charles Chroniger, son of the proprietor.

The charge entered against William P. Chroniger was setting up and maintaining a gaming table.

The periphrastic of the game was taken in charge by Sgt. Byrne and will be brought into court to-day. No money or other valuables were found excepted when the raiders entered, but the government claims to have sufficient evidence to convict Chroniger. It is said that the latest up-to-date game of cards is played without the necessity of having either money or chips in sight during the game.

Mr. Chroniger's friends deny that he kept a gambling-room, but say the game was run simply for the pleasure of his patrons.

HOWGATE JUROR IS ILL

Trial of the Defendant Had to Be Postponed--May Be Resumed To-day.

The illness of Joseph Richardson, one of the jurors in the Howgate case, interrupted the taking of testimony yesterday. A certificate of the attending physician, Dr. L. B. Swenson, was submitted. It stated that Mr. Richardson was suffering with acute rheumatism and might not be able to appear for several days.

A discussion followed as to what course the proceedings should take. Mr. Worthington, for Capt. Howgate, said the defense would be willing for the trial to proceed with absent jurors. District Attorney Birney replied that this would be inadmissible in a felony case. Judge McManis agreed with Mr. Birney's view.

Mr. Worthington then suggested that the defense should accept the seven remaining jurors by another substituted in place of Mr. Richardson, but Mr. Birney again objected to the irregularity and Judge McManis concurred that the plan would not be admissible.

It was then proposed that the present jury be discharged and another selected, but Judge McManis decided to postpone action till to-morrow. The remainder of the panel juryman has been discharged for the remainder of the term and to select a new jury would require a delay until a new panel could be made up. A later inquiry developed the fact that Mr. Richardson is much better and will probably be present this morning so the trial may proceed.

On Their Way to Atlanta. Some of the New England and New York delegates to the National Woman's Suffrage convention arrived in Washington at 7 o'clock yesterday and left at 10:15 for the Southern Railway for Atlanta, which they reached this afternoon. A special sleeping-car was attached to the Atlanta restricted limited, and in anticipation of a larger crowd the managers of the Southern had several other coaches in readiness. Only one delegate went from this city, Mrs. Hattie Nash, of the Woman's Suffrage Association.

NECK AND NECK THEY RACED ALONG THE AVENUE.

CARNIVAL ON THE AVENUE

Jaunty Sleighs Were Filled with Jolly, Pretty Girls.

THEY MADE THE SNOW FLY

The Demonstration Was a Whizzing, Odd Success--Love and Life Were There Immensely--Law Was Discreetly Absent--Fun and Frolic Were on Tap for Several Hours--Crows Lined the Streets.

HERE is the man, with nose so red, who never to himself has said: "I once did own a sleigh and sled."

It is such there ever was, he's dead. The fellow who made the first sleigh was not in it on Pennsylvania avenue last night, but his successors and assigns were there in the first and only great carnival of the season.

Everything conspired to make the demonstration a whizzing, giddy success. Plenty of snow, a lovely new moon, a thousand or more accepted invitations, and an atmosphere that could have blown even to the point of a proposal on the fly.

Love and life were there immensely. Law had nothing to do with it, and that is why the sleighs were allowed to be sleeker than at full speed from Dan to Beersheba and back again, from the Allen Grand Opera House to the Peace Monument.

Just after midnight they appeared everywhere on the Avenue, and the fun and frolic began. The entries were in families and trios and duos, and an occasional solo, but the duo was the conspicuous phase of the party over the snow.

At one time about 9 o'clock--there were several lines of sleighs going and coming up and down the Avenue, and nearly every one of them at full speed.

The jolliest parties were the family parties, all crowded and crushed into one sleigh, with mamma holding on to papa, and the baby hanging on to the crowd, and the crowd hanging on to the sleigh.

Not the least interesting feature of the diversion was the crowds at the corners and along the streets, who entered into the spirit of the thing by shouting funny things at the meteors shooting by.

When one of the dual parties whizzed by, it must have been very embarrassing to the party with the ostrich plume to hear a small boy yell: "Let her go!" "Hold her in!" "Let her out," just as the case struck the gamins' fancy.

And the boys, too, were in it. They rolled down the slopes of Capitol Hill and Franklin Hill like myriads of seeds down the ice banks, and whizzed up again quite as gracefully as that curious animal to which every eye is a sleigh.

FAVOR NATIONAL ARBITRATION. Conference Between Railroad Men, Carroll Wright and the House Committee.

An informal conference was held at the Eldridge House last night between Labor Commissioner Carroll D. Wright, and Chairman McManis, and several members of the House Committee on Labor, and representatives of the railroad brotherhoods who have visited this city to urge Congressional action in the direction of national arbitration.

Of the latter there were present P. P. Sargent and F. W. Arnold, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; D. L. Case and W. G. Egan, of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen; and E. E. Clark, of the Order of Railway Conductors.

The railway men are all in favor of any plan which will give national arbitration a fair trial. Various plans were discussed at the conference, but no attempt to decide on anything was made.

The railway men will be given a formal hearing by the House committee to-day.

St. John's College Lectures. Rev. J. M. Barry, formerly of Pennsylvania, now pastor of St. Mary's Church, Peterborough, N.H., lectured before an appreciative audience last evening at St. John's College. His subject was "Naples and its surroundings." The lecturer charmed his hearers with a description of Mount Vesuvius, Herculaneum and the principal buildings of Naples. His remarks as to the cause of the Italian blue color of the waters of the Mediterranean were very interesting. He ascribed it to the green forest of seaweed at the bottom and the yellow rays of the sun. Prof. Rohan, chief of division in the Division of Education, presided at the meeting with effect, exhibiting illustrations of Naples, its public thoroughfares, beautiful gardens, and groves of tropical fruits and the beautiful Neapolitan Bay.

Light Infantry "Smoker." The members of the Washington Light Infantry Corps have issued invitations for a big "smoker," to be held in the corps' armory to-night. An excellent programme of music, recitation, and athletics will be presented, and a plentiful supply of substantial and tobacco will be provided for the pleasure of the corps' guests.

Sent to the Smallpox Hospital. One of the suspected cases of smallpox developed yesterday, and the patient, Pettie Rich, colored, sixteen years old, was removed to the post house. She was found in house No. 1510 Valley street northwest.

Buck's Dining-room, 930 Pa. Ave. All Senators will read "Senator's Crime."

THOUSANDS ARE IDLE, RELIEF WORK IS STOPPED, AND ONE MAN DIES OF HUNGER

Alarming Number of Skilled Men Out of Work in This City.

NOTHING NOW FOR 5,000 TO DO

They Are All Able and Willing to Labor with Hands, Heads, and Hearts, but There Is No Demand--Labor Leaders Tell That No Trades Suffer Most--Present Business Depression the Cause of the Trouble.

Five thousand men are to-day out of work in Washington. This is not a fiction; and the figures come from labor leaders who know the conditions of affairs.

These unemployed men are not idle, shiftless, never-to-well fellows, who go from man to man, door to door, begging for the food and shelter they are too virtuous and too lazy to earn.

These men are honest, intelligent, skilled workmen. They lay bricks, build houses, paint dwellings, plaster walls, set type, work in tin and sheet iron, and do many things that give comfort, health, and happiness to the world.

All these men would work if they could get it, but they cannot. It is the general opinion among workmen of the class who are skilled in some craft that the depression in their lines of occupation is greater now than it has been for many years.

Two hundred printers are idle. Mr. Frank Pailgott, the secretary of Columbia Typographical Union, No. 161, District of Columbia, spoke for the printers. He said that there were more than 200 printers idle in the city. In general terms, he said, this was caused by the business depression. No business means no work for printers.

At the office of the National Stonecutters' Union they said that while the number of the craft was small compared with other trades, there are scarcely more than fifty stonecutters at work to-day in the city. This information was given that at least 100 others were now out of a job.

Some interesting data was obtained from District Master Workman Simmons. He made the following estimates: "There are in the city about 700 bricklayers, and of that number probably 600 are now out of work."

"There are 300 carpenters, 50 per cent. of whom are out of work." "There are about 400 housepainters, not more than 100 of whom are at work."

"There are about 160 tin and sheet iron workers, 60 of whom are known to be out of employment."

WORST PHASE OF THE CASE. A nearly accurate statement would be that about 2,000 workmen of the 5,000 who are able to keep in good standing in the organizations are out of work. This is not the worst phase of the case, however. There are about 6,000 other workmen, who, while not entitled to cards, are here all the same.

It is more than likely that even a greater proportion of these men are out of work. A conservative estimate is that there are fully 5,000 skilled workmen in town looking for steady employment.

Another conservative estimate, based on the total number added by the charities, is that there are between 500 and 600 able-bodied men who fail to find anything to do. Ask any workman what this is, and he will tell you, "Hard times." There has yet been no suggestion for the relief of this condition of affairs.

The general government is not now held up, while more than 5,000 capable workmen are ready to make it and circulate it, but cannot because "the times are hard."

Who will make a suggestion that will give work to any considerable number of the unemployed part of the local army of the unemployed?

STREET FIGHT IN LEXINGTON.

An Editor and an ex-Mayor Clash--Both Faces Damaged.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 28.--This afternoon at 1 o'clock a sensational street fight occurred on Main street between ex-Mayor J. Hill Davidson and Charles C. Moore, the editor of the Blue Grass Blade.

The fight was brought about by a severe criticism two weeks ago by the Blade of Davidson's career as city collector. When Davidson met Moore, he said: "You've slandered me; now fight."

He then dealt Moore a heavy blow on the nose, drawing blood. Moore, who is a capable workman, was ready to make it and circulate it, but cannot because "the times are hard."

Both men were arrested, Davidson gave bond, but Moore refused to allow bond to be given for him and was locked up.

ON MAJOR MOORE'S ORDER. Arrest in New York of Benjamin Hunter, Who Writes Anarchist Letters.

New York, Jan. 28.--Benjamin F. Hunter, a colored coachman employed by Elisha Clark, was committed this morning to the custody of the board of charity and correction by Justice Koch in the Harlem police court because he claimed he was a prophet of God.

Hunter was arrested yesterday on instructions received from W. G. Moore, superintendent of police, Washington, D. C.

He has written letters to Governors of various States, urging an insurrection against the government, and other prominent persons, warning them that their destruction was fast approaching.

Fifteen Killed in a Miners' Riot. CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 28.--A terrible riot occurred yesterday at Oaxaca. The miners who were working in the rival mines became involved in a row, which soon became a general fight. Fifteen were killed and thirty-five badly wounded.

Our Consul at Fez in Trouble. TANAGER, Morocco, Jan. 28.--There has been a serious disagreement between the American consulate agent at Fez and the Moroccan government. The details of the affair are not known.

Grip Raging in New York. NEW YORK, Jan. 28.--The bureau of burial permits reports thirteen deaths from grip for the twenty-four hours ended at 10 o'clock to-day.

Elegant Mantel photographs \$2.00 per dozen at Bishop's, 607 Pennsylvania avenue.

Who is Senator Gay? Read A Senator's Crime

Central Union Mission Must Shut Its Doors to the Poor.

CRIPPLED FOR LACK OF FUNDS

Directors Confronted by an Embarrassing and Painful Situation--Their Hands Are Tied Because Promises Made to Them Have Not Been Kept--Central Relief Committee Canvassers Will Start Out Early To-day.

The Central Union Mission has spent all its relief money and incurred a debt for charity amounting to \$781.63. At a meeting of the board of directors last night it was voted to suspend all relief work for want of funds, except that orders already placed in the hands of poor families will be honored.

The board has been greatly disappointed in not receiving the assistance which it had been promised, and it is not thought safe to incur any further risk, in view of all the circumstances.

The board was assured that it would receive, in addition to the \$500 for the sewing women, \$1,000 from the J. R. McLean fund, in accordance with the vote of the committee called together to decide upon the disposition of that fund.

In this it has been disappointed, as up to this time no part of it has been turned over to the Mission. It was on the strength of the instructions of the committee that the Mission went ahead with its relief work.

On account of a failure to receive any considerable portion of the St. Paul round party contributions or the promised \$1,000 from the J. R. McLean fund, the Mission is completely crippled and obliged to suspend its relief work.

How much this means to the poor of the city may be judged from the following summary of work done during the past week: 1,212 families were visited, 1,212 packages of food sent, 121 with fuel, 172 with clothing, and 77 poor women were given employment in sewing.

This does not, of course, include the regular relief afforded through the industrial department of the Mission. The directors regret the necessity for the suspension of this important relief work, but there seems to be no alternative. If the promised \$1,000 from the J. R. McLean fund is paid in, it will pay the bills which have been incurred in anticipation of its receipt, but this will leave only a pittance of about \$200 on which to resume relief work.

SUFFERING BEYOND CALCULATION. It is the belief of the Mission that the suffering in the city is beyond all calculation, and unless the public respond to the appeals for help the distress will be greatly increased.

The canvassing committee, through its hundreds of volunteer agents, will put in the power of every well-disposed household of the city to determine to what extent each shall give in the cause of charity.

It is expected that by this afternoon a very large proportion, if not all, of the invitations to contribute shall have been left at the various houses of the city.

In order to provide against all contingencies, Mr. Wright desires the statement made that in case some of the canvassers, by reason of the bad weather or sickness, do not call, those who wish can send their money to the canvassing committee at its office at the board of trade, No. 1110-12 G street northwest.

Mr. Wright has already had several calls from some that they have been waiting only for the canvassers to call.

FIVE CHAIRMENLESS BUSINESSES. There are still five districts unprovided with chairmen, as follows: Pennsylvania avenue, Massachusetts avenue, First, Second, and Third streets, F street east of Seventh, and Twentieth and Twenty-first streets.

ADDITIONAL CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS. The following ladies and gentlemen were added to the list yesterday: Brookland and Eckington, Dr. Frank T. Howard, Y street, Woodward and Leobold, H street, W. T. Simpson, 1 street, A. B. Cary, with fourteen assistants; Q street, Rev. J. A. Aspinwall; S and T streets, Mrs. C. S. Clarke; Florida avenue, T. E. Spence; New Hampshire avenue, Miss Catherine Simpson; Rhode Island avenue, Rev. Frank Sewall; Vermont avenue, Mrs. J. D. Terrell; Iowa street, Mrs. B. J. B. Miller; Fourth, Fourth and a-half, Fifth and Sixth, Mrs. Sarah Joyce, Ninth, Dr. M. D. Peck; Thirtieth, E. F. Simpson; Fifteenth, Mrs. J. J. Edson; all ward of Twenty-fifth to Rock Creek, M. G. Ganger, Warner, Sherman, and Hillier places and Cedar street, J. B. Randolph; Madison, Simpson, Franklin, and Riggs, Mrs. F. Clark, Deacons, and South-west Washington, H. Harry Johnson.

SANITARY INSPECTION.

Bill Introduced Conferring Ample Powers Upon the District Commissioners.

Senator Harris yesterday introduced a bill to authorize the Commissioners of the District to make and enforce sanitary and quarantine regulations governing the sanitary condition of premises, cars, boats and public conveyances, location and government of cemeteries, bakeries, slaughter-houses, markets, hand-drawn ice-houses, and places of offensive business, lying in front of or behind any building, and disposal of night soil, projection and sale of vaccine virus, ulphuretted anti-toxins and similar substances, and the prevention of the introduction and spread of contagious and infectious diseases in the District.

It gives the health officer authority at all reasonable hours to enter and inspect any premises, cars, boats, and public conveyances, and to make and enforce sanitary and quarantine regulations governing the sanitary condition of premises, cars, boats and public conveyances, location and government of cemeteries, bakeries, slaughter-houses, markets, hand-drawn ice-houses, and places of offensive business, lying in front of or behind any building, and disposal of night soil, projection and sale of vaccine virus, ulphuretted anti-toxins and similar substances, and the prevention of the introduction and spread of contagious and infectious diseases in the District.

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Rebellion Smoldering in Brazil. RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 28.--The partisans of ex-President Peixoto are making manifestations daily and threaten to cause trouble. The government is taking precautions. It is rumored that the military cadets are engaged in a conspiracy.

Antilles Modus Vivendi Approved. MADRID, Jan. 28.--The Senate has approved the modus vivendi between the Antilles and the United States.

Beautifully finished cabinet photographs \$2.50 per dozen at Bishop's, 607 Pennsylvania avenue.

James Scott Expires in the Fourth Precinct Station-house.

STARVATION DID ITS WORK

He Tried to Mount the Stone Steps in Order to Get Shelter, but Fell Forward Brins on the Picket Fence--William Gordon Found with Frozen Feet--It Is Feared That He May Lose One or Both.

Starvation caused the death of one man in this city last night, while another is occupying a cot at Freedman's Hospital with both feet badly frozen.

The shivering figure of a man, clad in scant and tattered garments, staggered along E street southwest last night and the pedestrians who witnessed past him in the chilly night air no doubt thought either of the other drunk. It was not liquor that caused the man to totter along, but exhaustion from want of food.

The remaining figure was James Scott, a tramp, and he was trying to reach the Fourth precinct station-house, where he had been furnished free lodgings several times before, and where he felt sure he would be given a sleeping place again on the hard floor of the lodger's room, where the bitter cold could not penetrate his tatters.

Extended forward from the sidewalk. As Scott reached the front of the police station he traced up and made a feeble effort to mount the stone steps which led into the great warmth and light of the station. The effort was too much. He pitched forward and fell, his head striking against one of the pickets of the iron railing in front of old No. 4.

A woman, who was passing at the time, saw Scott's fall and rushed to his aid. She found him lying on his back, his head against the railing, his arms outstretched, and his feet frozen. She called for help, and a policeman came. He found Scott dead.

The dead man's face was swarthy and his eyes were deep in their sockets, while his hands were shrunken and white. He wore a full beard and was attired in a very scanty coat of tattered clothing. It appeared on the back: "James Scott, white, forty-nine years; occupation, tramp; native of Nova Scotia."

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CORNER HANDED. Corner Hammett viewed the remains and will hold an autopsy this forenoon, as the body which he ordered to be taken to the morgue.

SPARROW KILLED A CHILD. A short while after the above happened the Fourth precinct patrol wagon was summoned to Second and M streets southwest, where a young colored man was found sitting on the curbstone with both feet badly frozen. He gave his name as William Gordon, twenty years of age, and said he was from Mississippi.

Gordon had removed the shoes from his frozen feet and was moaning with pain. He said he had been tramping toward Washington for several days through the snow and ice, and sleeping in box cars, bums, or any other place he could creep into. He was referred to Freedman's Hospital, and it is feared one or both feet may have to be amputated.

SPARROW KILLED A CHILD.

The Bird's Head Had to Be Pried Open to Release the Little One.

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 28.--Two sons of Charles Howie, living eight miles from this city, captured an English sparrow. They took the bird home for their baby sister, Ella, to play with.

On being released the sparrow flew anxiously at the child and severely nipped her lower lip. The baby's screams brought her mother to the scene, and she endeavored to get the sparrow away.

Before this could be done the bird had to be killed and the dead bird pried open with a pair of pliers.

Dr. Mac of Stimmer's Run, was called to attend the child. An illness in the nature of blood poisoning, set in, and the little one soon died.

PRESS CLUB BENEFIT.

Arrangements Rapidly Being Completed For the Great Entertainment.

The Press Club committee having in charge the arrangements for the immense entertainment to be given by that organization on the evening of February 5 were busy all day yesterday providing hotel accommodations for their guests, receiving telegrams from their players announcing what their parts in the play would be, and settling up the details of patronages and pictures which are intended to adorn it.

Mr. Morrell, of the Arlington Hotel, has offered his hotel to himself in supplying quarters for all of the players and the other guests of the club, and whether they are able to stay in Washington for breakfast, dinner, or for dinner and for telegrams, they will all be welcome at the Arlington and treated to some of Manager Bennett's most careful efforts.

Mr. Boyd is concluding arrangements for his lightning train, which is to convey Mr. Tru and his company of English artists back to New York, and all of the various sub-committees are hard at work arranging the bill, preparing matter and advertisements for the souvenir, arranging to have the Grand Opera House more attractive than ever, and, in short, in completing all minor details required to give the friends of the club in Washington the most rare and important entertainment which they have ever seen.

Millionaire Fair's Will Stolen. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 28.--The will of the late millionaire, James G. Fair, was stolen from the clerk's office some time yesterday afternoon, and there is not the slightest clue to the perpetrators of the crime.

Alcyon's Owner Dead. GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jan. 28.--Frank L. Noble, formerly owner of the famous trotting stallion Alcyon, died at his home in this city to-day, aged forty-five years.

STILL BALLOTTING. SALT LAKE, Utah, Jan. 28.--There was no change in the Senatorial situation to-day.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 28.--In the fight for Senator to-day Turner withdrew, and of his seven votes four went to McKim, one to Wilson, and two to McMillin.

DOVER, Del., Jan. 28.--There were no developments in the Higgins-Addicks Senatorial situation to-day.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 28.--The joint convention of the legislature to-day took two ballots for United States Senator without showing any change.